

# CALIFORNIA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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### **State Higher Education Commission Supports Proposition 47 for Construction of Public Education Facilities**

*October 8, 2002*—Sacramento – Today the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) endorsed a bond measure critical to education in California. Proposition 47, “The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002”, would authorize \$13.05 billion to be spent on building and upgrading K-12 schools, colleges, and universities, with \$1.65 billion to be spent on higher education needs.

California’s changing demographics, educational reforms, and commitment to providing postsecondary educational opportunities for people from all backgrounds are producing historic increases in demand for higher education, with over half a million additional students expected to enroll this decade.

Should the voters approve the bond measure, the revenue designated for higher education would be allocated as follows:

- California Community Colleges would receive \$746 million;
- The California State University would receive \$496 million;
- The University of California would receive \$408 million.

As the state’s planning and coordinating body for higher education, one of the top priorities of the Commission is to plan for growth and access to postsecondary education for California’s diverse and growing population. This proposition is crucial to our colleges and universities building the capacity to meet the expanding demand for higher education. Funding under the proposition also encourages the joint use of facilities, which the Commission strongly encourages.

The Commission is the state’s independent higher education coordinating and planning body. It consists of 16 members, nine of whom represent the general public, five who represent the major systems of California education (the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, the independent colleges and universities, and the State Board of Education), and two student representatives.

Further information about higher education in California may be obtained through the website of the Postsecondary Education Commission at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov).